

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 10 and 14 were rejected under §102 by Blockson ('974). Claims 18, 21, 22 and 24-26 were rejected under §102 by Gustafson ('427). Claim 7 was rejected under §103 by combining '974 with '427. Claims 19, 20 and 23 were rejected under § 103 by combining '427 with Bezner ('190).

Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to reflect that there are three elongated conductors in the present inventive lighting device. The third, central conductor (shown as 36' in the drawings) distinguishes the claimed invention over the cited references. Nothing in the references teaches or discloses a third conductor for providing a controlled visual chasing or alternative lighting effect in the electroluminescent strip as claimed.

The applicant asks the Examiner to reconsider the amended claims. Further, it is believed that these amendments overcome the double patenting rejection.

Respectfully submitted,
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